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SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT NO. 8: SITUATION IN CYPRUS AS  
OF 1600 EDT AUGUST 17

1. MILITARY SITUATION ON CYPRUS. THE CEASEFIRE MAY  
BE DETERIORATING SOMEWHAT. BOTH THE EMBASSY IN NICOSIA  
AND THE UNFICYP COMMANDER HAVE REPORTED THAT THE TURKS  
APPARENTLY ARE MOVING SOUTH OF THE SO-CALLED "ATIL  
LINE." REUTERS REPORTS THAT TURKISH ARMORED UNITS HAVE  
CUT THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN NICOSIA AND THE SOUTHEASTERN  
PORT OF LARNACA. THE TURKS ALSO CAPTURED THE VILLAGE OF

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PYROI, A MAIN GREEK NATIONAL GUARD STRONGPOINT, WHICH

STRADDLES THE ROAD. CLERIDES CALLED AMBASSADOR DAVIES TO REGISTER HIS CONCERN AT THIS MAJOR VIOLATION AND TO EXPRESS HIS HOPE THAT THE US CAN MAKE THE TURKISH MILITARY COMPLY WITH THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY BY THE GOT.

2. US EMBASSY OFFICERS RECONNOITERED THE NICOSIA AREA DURING THE AFTERNOON AND NOTED THAT UNFICYP FLAGS AND ARMOR WERE "MOST CLEARLY IN EVIDENCE" AT THE NICOSIA AIRPORT. THEIR MAJOR FIRST IMPRESSION WAS THAT RELATIVELY LITTLE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE TO BUILDINGS AND ROADS. ALTHOUGH SOME REPORTS HAVE SAID THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE MOVING BACK INTO NICOSIA, THE EMBASSY OFFICERS WERE UNABLE TO VERIFY THIS.

3. GREECE. THE WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM WHICH HAS SWEEPED GREECE CONTINUES TO THREATEN US AND NATO INSTALLATIONS IN THE COUNTRY. A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED DETAILING SPECIFIC INCIDENTS OF THREATS AND ACTS AGAINST AMERICANS AND THEIR PROPERTY. THE US BASE AT IRAKLION, CRETE, FACED WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A MAJOR ANTI-US DEMONSTRATION, CALLED ON THE GREEK MILITARY FOR PROTECTION. THE GREEK FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS HAVE ASSURED THE US AMBASSADOR THAT GOG WILL PROTECT US CITIZENS AND PROPERTY AND TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID INCIDENTS. IN ANY EVENT, A US SHIP IS STANDING OFF CRETE TO EVACUATE 1800 US CITIZENS FROM THE BASE IF NECESSARY.

4. THE FORMER KING OF GREECE, CONSTANTINE, SENT A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS IN WHICH HE DENOUNCED THE "BARBARIAN AND SHAMEFUL ATTACK BY TURKEY AGAINST CYPRUS," AND IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED DEEP SADNESS AND BITTERNESS BECAUSE "NEITHER THE FEELINGS OF JUSTICE NOR THE ALLIANCE WAS ABLE TO PREVENT THE UNJUST ATTACK." IN A STATEMENT MADE UPON HIS RETURN TO GREECE YESTERDAY, INDEPENDENT LEFTIST POLITICIAN ANDREAS PAPANDREOU BLAMED THE "CYNICISM OF WASHINGTON" AND "GREECE'S ATTACHMENT TO THE NATO ALLIANCE" FOR THE DIVISION OF CYPRUS AND  
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GREECE'S TROUBLES. HE CALLED FOR AN END TO GREECE'S DEPENDENCE ON "THE US PENTAGON AND NATO," SAYING THAT GREECE MUST "BREAK THE CHAINS FORGED...BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE."

5. TURKEY. THE TURKS CONTINUE TO BASK IN THE EUPHORIA OF THEIR MILITARY VICTORIES ON CYPRUS. TURKISH LEADERS

HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT PAID A VISIT ON THE ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS TO OFFER FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TURKISH CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL SANCAR, ON THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS FORCES. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, ECEVIT STATED IN A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW THAT HE WAS OPPOSED TO PARTITIONING CYPRUS BECAUSE THIS WOULD "THREATEN DETENTE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN." ECEVIT ALSO SAID TURKEY REMAINED READY TO RESUME THE GENEVA TALKS WITH THE UK AND GREECE "AT ANY TIME" ALTHOUGH NEITHER OF THOSE COUNTRIES HAD INDICATED ANY WILLINGNESS TO DO SO.

6. CYPRUS. ACCORDING TO UPI REPORTS, CYPRUS VICE PRESIDENT DENKTASH WARNED THAT UNLESS THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE RESUMES QUICKLY, HE AND HIS FELLOW TURKISH CYPRIOTS WILL GO AHEAD AND SET UP THEIR OWN ADMINISTRATION ON THE NORTHEASTERN THIRD OF CYPRUS JUST CAPTURED BY TURKEY.

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